

EPA/National 4-H Council Partnership Cooperative Agreement

“Going Places, Making Choices: Transportation and the Environment”

Goal

Support effective distribution of an existing transportation/air quality/climate change curriculum that helps youth understand and respond to these real-life issues affecting their communities and their lives.

EPA Involvement

- The 4-H National Council sought EPA review of their Going Places curriculum in 1998.
- EPA staff provided detailed comments in review of curriculum content in 1998 and 1999.
- EPA has entered into a cooperative agreement with the National 4 H Council to ensure effective distribution and implementation of the curriculum nationally.

The cooperative agreement will fund a position at 4 H for 1 year to:

- ▶ Strategically target 7,000 copies of the curriculum to appropriate formal and non-formal educators
- ▶ Implement 5 regional workshops January 2000 - January 2001.

About the “Going Places, Making Choices”

- The curriculum addresses the relationship between transportation and environmental issues.
- It is experiential, focusing on raising awareness among high school-age youth about transportation and personal mobility choices now and in the future.
- It has been pilot tested in 100 locations including formal and non-formal settings across the country.
- The curriculum is comprised of five comprehensive units:
 - Cruise Through History
 - Natural resources and Energy Use
 - Sweating Over Climate Change
 - Land use
 - A Matter of choice
- Funding for curriculum development and printing has been provided by Honda Motor Co.
- “Going Places, Making Choices: Transportation and the Environment” was featured at the Sustainable America National Town Meeting in Detroit in early May.
- 10,000 copies of the curriculum were available as of May, 1999
- 3,000 copies had been distributed by October, 1999